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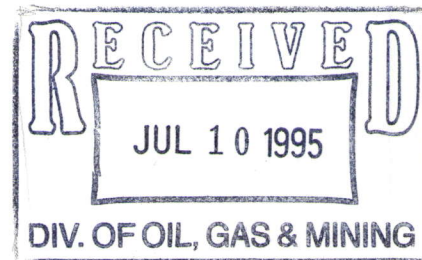
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SUBJECT: Last Chance Mine - expanding existing small clay mine to large mine  
operation M/015/061  
State Identification Number: UT950614-040

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. The Division of Wildlife Resources comments:

The area of mining is near a possible raptor area. If nesting raptors are found within one-half mile of the mining operation, we request that mining be delayed or halted until July 1 to allow fledging.

We request that erosion control structures be placed at critical points on the 1.9 acres of the barren bentonite outcrop as the result of mining.

If not already present, we recommend that the drought tolerant alfalfa, Ladak alfalfa (*Medicago sativa ladak*) be put in the seed mix.

The addition of potassium, if it is not in sufficient supply in the soil, to the fertilizer may be beneficial for revegetation. Other mines have had extremely high success with the addition of potassium when revegetating mined areas.

We recommend that a treatment of urea be applied during the first spring following revegetation. This will help correct potential nitrogen deficiency due to inception of seedling growth during the time when the soil warms and microbial action is decomposing the hay mulch. Both the seedlings and microbial action require nitrogen to sustain their growth. Treating reclaimed areas with urea has resulted in high success.

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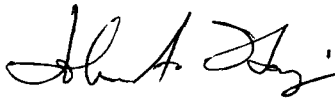
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
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If the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining or the applicant needs clarification of our comments, they should contact Ben Morris or Bill Bates in our Southeastern Region office at 637-3310.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Utah State Clearinghouse at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-1535, Nancy Keate at (801) 538-1548, or John Harja at (801) 538-1559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad T. Barber".

 Brad T. Barber  
State Planning Coordinator

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